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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS AT EMBASSY NONEXISTENT

REF: A. PANAMA 2620, B. PANAMA 2668

1. DESPITE REPORTS THAT LARGE ANTI-TREATY DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BE DIRECTED AT THE EMBASSY (REF A), THERE HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY NO ANTI-U.S. ACTIVITY NEAR THE CHANCERY AS OF 1600 HOURS LOCAL.

2. A CROWD, ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN 700-800 UNIVERSITY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ULTRA-LEFTISTS GATHERED AT PLAZA PORRAS, NEAR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, TO WAVE BANNERS AND CHANG SLOGANS AT ABOUT 1030 LOCAL. THEY THEN MARCHED TO SANTA ANA PARK WHERE THEY LISTENED TO MORE SPEECHES. THE DEMONSTRATION DISPERSED PEACEFULLY SOON AFTER NOON.

3. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER REPORTS OF STUDENT ACTIVITY IN PANAMA CITY, BUT SPEAKERS AT THE EARLIER GATERINGS REITERATED THE CALL FOR A MEETING AT SANTA ANA PARK AT 1800 TODAY. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION EITHER CONFIRMING OR CONTRADICTING
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THESE PROSPECTIVE PLANS, THOUGH IT APPEARS THAT GENERAL TORRIJOS MAY STAGE A CONCENTRATION OF HIS OWN AT 1800, THIS ONE TAKING PLACE AT 5TH OF MAY PLAZA (REF B). IN ANY EVENT, EMBASSY FEELS THAT THERE IS NO THREAT TO THE CHANCERY EVEN SHOULD THIS 1800 MEETING TAKE PLACE. OF COURSE, ALL BETS ARE OFF IF THE TREATY IS REJECTED OUTRIGHT BY THE SENATE. JORDEN

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